

No. R-519. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Vermont Planners Association's honorees from central Vermont.

(S.C.R.44)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Grad of Moretown and Greshin of Warren,

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Planners Association (VPA) honors individuals and planning organizations that have made distinguished contributions to the planning process in Vermont, and

Whereas, at a State House reception on April 28, 2016, two local individuals and a central Vermont planning organization will be among the honorees, and

Whereas, Robert Vasseur will be honored as the Citizen Planner of the Year, and

Whereas, he is the recipient of this honor in recognition of his 57 years (1959–2016) as a Fayston Selectboard member, and

Whereas, in this role, Robert Vasseur and his fellow board members performed many planning functions that improved Fayston's townscape, and

Whereas, his ideas on municipal plans and planning were thoughtful and carefully considered, and

Whereas, the VPA is honoring Brian Shupe, the Executive Director of the Vermont Natural Resources Council, in recognition of his recent designation as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), and

Whereas, an AICP Fellow is a planner "who has made significant contributions to planning and society," and has displayed professional excellence and leadership, and

Whereas, Brian Shupe's career as Executive Director of the Mad River Valley Planning District, Director of Planning and Zoning for the town of Stowe, and Executive Director of Smart Growth Vermont exemplifies the excellence in planning that the AICP requires for recipients of this special recognition, and

Whereas, the Mad River Valley Economic Study and Vitality Series, 2014/15 was a comprehensive examination, using the best planning tools available, to define community goals and explore a pathway to economic vitality, and

Whereas, the VPA is naming the Mad River Valley Economic Study and Vitality Series, 2014/15 as its Project of the Year, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Vermont Planners Association's honorees from Central Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the honorees named in this resolution.